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do vse in the time of the celebraciō of diuine serui-
ce to weare a surpless, prescribed by the Quenes ma-
iesties Iniunctions, & the booke of Common prair.
And wheather they do celebrate the same deuine ser-
uice in the chaunceloz in the Church, and do vse all
Rites and orders prescribed in the booke of Commō
prair, &c. and none other.

4 Item, whether they do vse to minister the Com-
munion in wasser bread, according vnto the Quenes
Majesties Iniunctions, or in common bread.

5 Item, whether ymages and al other monumentes
of ydolatry and superstition be destroyd and aboly-
shed in your seueral parishes: And whether youre
Churches be well adorne and conuenientlye kepte
without waste, destruction, or abuse of any thinge.
Whether the rood lof be pulled downe, according
to the order prescribed, and of the partition betwene
the Chauncell and the Church be kepte. Whether
the funt be standing and kept decently in the place v-
sed. Whether youre Churchyardes be well fenced
and clemently kept. Whether anye sale haue bene made
of youre Church goods, by whome and to whom,
and what hath ben don with the mony thereof cō-
ming. Whether your Chauncels and Parsonages
be wel and sufficiently repaired: Whether any man
haue pulled downe or dyscouered anye Church,
Chauncell, Chappell, Almes house, or such lyke, or
haue plucked down the bels, or haue felled or spoiled
any woode or timber in any Church yerde.

6 Item, whether ther be any Parsons that intrude
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tation of the moste Reuerend fas-
ther in GOD, MATTHEW, by the
sufferaunce of GOD Archebysshop
of Canterburie, Primate of all Englande,
and Metropo-
litane,

In the yeare ofoure Lorde GOD,
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the Visitation of the moste Reuerende
Father in God, MATTHEW, Archbishop of Cantuar-
sp, In the yeare of our Lorde, GOD
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In primis, whether Diuine service
be sayd or songe by your Minister or
Ministers in your seuerall Churches
duelye and reuerently, as it is set forth
by the lawes of this realme, with out
any kynde of variation. And whether the holy Sa-
cramentes be likewise ministered reuerently, in suche
manner as by the lawes of this Realme is appoin-
ted.

Item, whether you haue in youre parrysh chur-
ches all thinges necessarye and requisite for Com-
mon prayer and administration of the Sacraments,
specially the booke of Common prayer, the Bible in
the largest volume, the Homilyes, with the Para-
phrases of Erasmus: A conuenient Pulpit wel pla-
ced: A comly and decent table for the Holy commu-
nion, sette in place prescribed by the Queenes mai-
esties Injunctions. The Chest or Boxe for the poore
men, and al other thinges necessary in and to the pre-
misses. And whether your Alters be taken downe,
accordyng to the commaundement in that behalfe
geuen,

Item, whether your Prestes, Curates, or ministers
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do vse in the time of the celebraciō of diuine seruice to weare a surplesse, prescribed by the Quenes maiesties Iniunctions, & the booke of Common praier. And wheather they do celebrate the same deuine seruice in the chaunceloz in the Churche, and do vse all Rites and orders prescribed in the booke of Common praier, &c. and none other.

4 Item, whether they do vse to minister the Communion in wafer bread, according vnto the Quenes Maiesties Iniunctions, or in common bread.

5 Item, whether ymages and al other monumentes of ydolatry and superstition be destroyed and abolished in your seueral parishes: And whether youre Churches be well adorne and conuenientlye kepte without waste, destruction, or abuse of any thinge. Whether the rood lof be pulled downe, according to the order prescribed, and of the partition betwene the Chauncell and the Churche be kepte. Whether the font be standing and kept decently in the place vsed. Whether youre Churchyardes be well fenced and clenly kept. Whether anye sale haue bene made of youre Church goods, by whome and to whom, and what hath bin don with the mony thereof coming. Whether your Chauncels and Parsonages be wel and sufficiently repaired: Whether any man haue pulled downe or dyscouered anye Churche, Chauncell, Chappell, Almes house, or suche lyke, or haue plucked down the bels, or haue felled or spoiled any woode or timber in any Churche yerde.

6 Item, whether ther be any Parsons that intrude
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them selfe, and presume to exercise any kinde of ministry in the church of God, without imposition of handes and ordinary auctoritie. Whether their church or chappell be serued with any readers, Or whether any Minister do remove from any other diocese to serue in this, without letters testimonial of the ordinary from whom he came, to testify the cause of his departinge thence, and of his behauiour. Or any beinge once priest or minister, that doth not minister, or frequent and resort to the Common prayer now vsed, and at tymes appoynted communicate. And whether any suche do goe and bolste himselfe lyke a laye man.

Item, whether your Parsons and Vicars be resident continuall vpon their benefices: Whether they giue themselves to deuoute prayer, discrete reading of the Scripture and godlye contemplacion, and releaue the poore charitably to their habilitie, accordinge to the Queenes Iniunctions. Whether they pray for the prosperous estate of the Queenes Maiesty, as is prescribed in her graces Iniunctions.

Item, whether the communion table be decentlye couered and set in conuenient place, accordinge to the Queenes Maiesties Iniunctions.

Item, whether any of your ministers doth or hath admitted any notoriouse sinner or maliciouse person out of Charitie, without iuste penance don and reconciliation had, to receaue the holy Communion: or and that hath not receaued the same accordinge as to a Christian appertayneth, and by the lawes it is appointed,

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pointed. And whether you do heare or knowe any that doth vse to saie or heare the private Masse, or doe vse anye other seruice then is prescribed by the lawes of this Realme.

16 Item, whether your minystrs doe call vppon fathers, mothers, and maisters of yowth, to bring them vp in the feare of almighty God, in obedience, and in conuenient occupations. Whether they be peace-makers, and exhorthe the people to obedience to their Prince, and to all other that be in authoritie to charity and mutuall loue amonge themselves. Whether they geue them selues to superstition, & be maintainers of the vblearned people in ignorance.

11 Item, whether your Persons, Vicars, & Curates be commō gamblers, hunters, haunTERS of tauerne, or alehouses: Suspected of any notable crime: fauTERS of forein pourses, letters of good religion, preachers of corrupt doctrine: Stubborne or disobedient to lawes and orders: Whether they be geuen to filthy lucre. Whether they be lyght either in example of life, or in buywont and vnseemly apparell.

12 Item, whether anye of your benefices be vacant, how longe they haue been vacant: who is Patron. Whether there be anye laye or temporall men, (not being within orders) or children, or any other (within age) that hath or enioiceth any benefice or spirituall promotion: and Patron that suffereth any benefice to be vacante, and taketh the tythes and other fructes to himselfe.

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Item, whether y^e our ministers kepe their registers well, & do present the copie of them once euery yere by Indenture, to the Ordinary or his officers. And teache the Articles of the fayth, and the Tenne commandementes, and the Lordes prayer, as is prescribed them in the Catechisme.

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Item, whether youre Parsons and Vicars haue any other or mo benefices, where & in what Countrey thei be: Whether they came by them by Symony, or other vnlawfull meanes. Whether they doe let thei^r benefice to farme, or els kepe them in thei^r owne handes. Whether thei kepe hospitality or not. Whether in thei^r absence they leaue their cures to honest, learned, or expert Curates. Whether they make their ordinary Sermons, accordyng to the Queenes maiesties Injunctions. Whether they admitte any to preache vnlicensed, or put by any that hath licence. Whether thei reade the Queenes maiesties Injunctions as they ought to do, and saye thei^r Service sensibly and distinctly.

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Item, whether the laye people be diligent in coming to the Church on the holy daies, and with all humblenes, reuerentlye and deuouly do geue themselves to the hearing of Commune prayer in the tyme thereof, and other wise occupie themselves in priuat prayers, reading of Scriptures, or other vertuose exercise. If any be negligent or wilful. Whether the forfeiture be leuid on thei^r goodes to the vse of the poore, according to the lawes of this Realm in that behalf p^rouided. And what money hath ben gather-

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ted by the Churchwardens of the forsets.

16 Item, whether there be in your quarters any that openly or priuily vse or frequent any kinde of diuine seruice or communion praier, other then is set forth by the lawes of this Realme: and disturbers of commo prayers, or letters of the worde of God to be reade, preached or heard: Any þ by couent or crafty meanes depraue or contemne the same: or that speake to the derogation of the Queenes maiesties aucthouity and power, or of the lawes set out by publike aucthouity

17 Item, whether there be amonge you any blasphemers of þ name of almighty God, adulterers, fornicators, baudes, or recrauers of suche persons. Any suspected of incest or any other notorouse faulte, sin or crime. Any dronkardes, ribaides, common slaunderers of their neighbours, raylers or scolders, sowers of discorde betweene neighbours, by plaies, times famoule libels, or otherwise.

18 Item, whether there be in your parrishes any Inkeepers or Alewives, that admit any resort to their houses in tyme of Commone prayer. Anye that commonlye absente them selues from theyre owne Churche or otherwise idely or lewdly prophane the Sabbath day. Any that keepe any secret conuenticles, preachings, lectures or readings, contrary to the lawes. Any suspected of heresy, or that maintain any erroneous opinions contrary to the lawes of almighty God and good religion, by publike aucthouity in this Realme set forth.

19 Item, whether there be in these parties which minister

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nister the goodes, of those whiche be deade, without
authoritie: and executors þ̄ haue not fulfilled their tes-
tators will, specially in paying of legacies giuen to
good and godly vles, as to the reliefe of pouerte, to
poore schollars, orphane s, highe waies, marriage of
poore maydens, and suche lik. Whether your Hospitals
and Almshouses be iustly vled, accordinge to
the foundatiō and auncient ordinaunces of the same.
Whether ther be any other placed in the then poore,
impotent & needy persons, that hath not other wyse
where with or whereby to liue.

Item, whether there be any which of late hath be-
queathed in their testaments, or other waies there be
appointed by ordinaries, any sumes of mony. Jew-
elles, Plate, Ornaments, or annuities for þ̄ erectiō
of any obites, diriges, trentals, or any suche like vse
now be the lawes of this Realme not permitted: and
if there be, that you present the names of such execu-
tors, the quantiti and qualitie of the giste, that or-
dre may be taken therein accordingly.

Item, whether there be any moni or stoke apper-
taining to any parishe church, in any mannes
handes, that refuse or deferreth to paye the same:
or that vseth fraude, deceite or delay to make any
acompte in the presence of the honeste in the
parishe, for the same. Whether your Church
wardens and others afore tyme, haue giuen the
yeareli accompte. according vnto the custome as it
hath been aforetime vled. whether the store of the
poore mens boxe be openli and indifferently giuen
where needs is, without parcial affection. whether
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any stocke of tattel or graine appertaining to your churches, be decayed: by whose negligence, and in whose handes.

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Item, whether your schoolmasters be of a sincere religion. and be diligent in teachinge and bringing vp of youth: Whether they teache any other Grammar, then such as is appointed by y^e Quenes Maiesties Injunction annexed to the same, or not.

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Item, whether there be any amonge you that vse sorcer, or enchantment, magike, incantations, or nigromancy, or that be suspected of the same.

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Item, whether there bee any in these partes that haue married within degrees of affinity or consanguinitie, by the lawes of God forbidden: so set oute in a table for an Admonition. Any man that hath two wiues, or any womā that hath two husbandes. Ani that being deuorced or seperated asyde, hath married againe. Any married that haue made precontractes. Any that haue made priue or secreete contractes. Any that haue married with out benes thise soleminely axed. Any couples married that liue not together, but slanderously liue a part. Any that haue married out of the parishe church, where they ought to haue the same soleminised.

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Generally, whether there be any euil liuers or offenders of the lawes of almighty God: Ani suspected of any notorious sinne, fault or crime, to the offence of Chyistian people committed: Any common

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men brauler, barrator, or scowlder, or any other
giueth occasion of the breache of Christian loue and
charity amongst you: Any that stubburnly refuse
to conforme them selfe to vniuersall and good Religion:
Any that bruteth abroad rumors of the alteration
of the same, or otherwise that disturbeth good or-
ders, and the quietnesse of Christs Church and
Christian congregation.



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